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New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1977

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES - 1977

	TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR	
Maurice H. Simond, Jr.	1978
SELECTMEN	
Louis Wuelper, Chairman	1978
Romeo Clairmont	1979
James F. Rhodes	1980
TAX COLLECTOR	
Calvin D. Brown	1978
TOWN CLERK	
Calvin D. Brown	1979
TREASURER	
John Moynihan	1978
ROAD AGENT	
Harold Reed	1978
FIRE CHIEF	
Robert Bordeau	Appointed
POLICE CHIEF	
Robert Dawes	Appointed
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	
Helen M. Hill	1978
Carrie Cushing	1979
Wallace Rhodes	1980
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
Wallace Rhodes	1978
Russell H. Cushing	1979
Stanley Hill	1980
HEALTH OFFICER	
Robert Stevens	1978
DOG OFFICER	
Aime Bourque	Indefinite
BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE	
Rodney Pearl, Chairman	Indefinite
Neal Whitcher	Indefinite
Ronald Mitchell	Indefinite
Wilbur Bickford	Indefinite
John Drouin	Indefinite

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Earl Sweeney, Chairman		1980
Leslie E. Roberts		1979
Wilson S. Mansfield		1979
Matthew Mirski		1978
Julia Perkins		1979
Leo Algers		1978
Kenneth Ellis		1978
Howard Wells	(replacement)	1978
Donald Lockwood	(replacement)	1978
John Dominic		1980
George Condodemetraky		1980
Mark A. Mooney		1980

BELMONT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Woodbury Fogg	Indefinite
Blake M. Loring	Indefinite
George Condodemetraky	Indefinite
Mark A Mooney	Indefinite
Leslie Roberts	Indefinite

BELMONT POLICE COMMITTEE

Armand Poire	Indefinite
John F. Moynihan	Indefinite
Cedric Witham	Indefinite
Matthew Mirski	Indefinite
Arthur W. Hill	Indefinite

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Robert Harper	Indefinite

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Blake M. Loring, Chairman		1980
Roscoe Twombly		1980
Judy Pilliod		1978
Robert Atherton	(replacement)	1978
Lillian Loring		1979

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Susan Condodemetraky	Indefinite
Magnus McLetchie	Indefinite

LIBRARIAN

Evelyn Morse	Indefinite

PLANNING BOARD

Richard Baillie, Chairman		1978
Denis Dupuis		1978
Leigh Stephenson		1979
Roger Chevallier	(replacement)	1980
Whitman Ide		1980

ALTERNATES
Margaret Hogan
William Ekberg

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT
Wilson S. Mansfield

RECREATION COMMISSION	
Rodrique Gallant	1980
Arthur Horan, Chairman	1978
Gerd Smock	1980
Nelson Currin	1979
Richard Desruisseaux	1979

ROAD COMMITTEE	
Kenneth Ellis, Chairman	Indefinite
Paul Gaudette	Indefinite
Laurent Gilbert	Indefinite
Peter Poire	Indefinite
Scott Roeder	Indefinite

SEWER COMMISSIONERS	
George Condodemetraky, Chairman	1979
Richard Fournier	1978
Cedric Witham	1980

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST	
Constance Mirski	1982
Belva Mohle	1978
Suzanne Roberts	1980

WATER COMMISSIONERS	
Theodore L. Cate, Sr., Chairman	1979
Cedric Witham	1979
Ronald Mitchell	1980
Bernard Dube	1980
Lawrence Clairmont, Chairman	1978

WATER SUPERINTENDENT	
Lawrence Clairmont, Sr.	Indefinite

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT	
Richard Fournier	Indefinite

NATHAN WECHSLER & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

10 Park Street
Concord, NH 03301

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1976.

Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Belmont at December 31, 1976, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in comformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.

Nathan Wechsler & Company

July 15, 1977

NATHAN WECHSLER & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

July 15, 1977

Board of Selectmen
Belmont, New Hampshire 03220

Gentlemen:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The report of the examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1976, was made by Nathan Wechsler & Company, Certified Public Accounts, at the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

One of the audit reports must be given to the Town Clert for retention as part of the permanent records.

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Cemetery Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund

Balance Sheets - December 31, 1976 and 1975: (Exhibit A-1)

Balance sheets - general fund - as of December 31, 1976 and 1975, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the surplus of the Town increased by $61,878.18 from $56,348.95 to $118,227.13 during the year.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is shown in Exhibit A-2. The increase in surplus of $61,878.18 is a result of a budget surplus of $66,878.18 less surplus used to reduce the tax rate of $5,000.00.

Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenue and Budget Summary: (Exhibits A-3 and (A-4)

Statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues and budget summary for the year ended December 31, 1976, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary, a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $45,228.59, plus a revenue

surplus of $21,649.59, resulted in a bet budget surplus of $66,878.18.

Long-Term Indebtedness

Balance Sheets - December 31, 1976 and 1975: (Exhibit A-5)

Balance sheets showing the outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1976 and 1975 are contained in Exhibit A-5. During the year, the long-term debt decreased by $10,700.00.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement of debt service requirements, showing annual maturities of principal and interest, is presented in Exhibit A-6.

Treasurer

General Fund

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A summary statement of general fund receipts and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1976, prepared in accordance with the State uniform classification of accounts is included in Exhibit B-1.

Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance: (Exhibit B-2)

Proof of the treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1976 is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

We have examined the above described financial statements of the Town of Belmont for the year ended December 31, 1976 (except the Water Department) in accordance with generally accepted auditing procedures and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheets: (Exhibit A)

Income and Changes in Surplus Statements: (Exhibit B)

Statements of Changes in Financial Position: (Exhibit C)

The financial statements of the Water Department for 1976 have been prepared without audit. The assets stated at $324,138.75 have been acquired over a long period of time and adequate supporting records have not been maintained. Therefore, audit time involved to enable us to satisfy ourselves with the recorded costs would have resulted in prohibitive costs to the Town..

CONCLUSION

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Belmont for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,
Nathan Wechsler & Company
Certified Public Accountants

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
CONCORD, N.H. 03301

Selectmen of Belmont
Louis Wuelper, Chairman
Star Route
Belmont, NH 03220

November 14, 1977

Gentlemen:

Your Summary Inventory of Property Valuation and Statement of Appropriations have been approved. You may proceed with the assessment of 1977 taxes on the basis of the following figures:

Net Assessed Valuation	$22,578,295.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Town Property Taxes Assessed	$1,169,556.00
Precinct Taxes Assessed	
Total Gross Property Taxes	$1,169,556.00
Less: Est. War Service Tax Credits	19,100.00
Net Property Tax Commitment*	$1,150,456.00
Tax Rate	$5.18

* The amount of property tax commitment is subject to adjustment by reason of any increase or decrease in War Service Tax Credits which may result based on the above approved rate.

In the event any adjustment was made in the Appropriations Section, we have enclosed a copy of the changes. Revenues and Credits have been approved as shown on the enclosed copy of the third page of the Statement of Appropriations.

The net amounts approved for school and county are as follows:

Net School Appropriations	$758,416.00
County Tax Assessment	89,503.00

In arriving at the above approved rate the Overlay has been set in the amount of $20,194.00.

Very truly yours,
Lloyd M. Price,
Commissioner

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This is the year in which many changes are becoming apparent in the Town.

The first and most visible one, which has had a great deal of favorable comment, is the work of the Building Needs Committee in transforming our old store front Town Hall.

The new single entrance front, the ramp for the handicapped and emergency entrance at the rear, the covering of the floors and walls and the adding of additional ground floor space, have all created a much more pleasant and attractive Town Hall for our taxpayers and our employees.

For the first time, the Town of Belmont has received a substantial Federal Grant in the amount of $387,000.00, which is being used for the construction of the new million gallon reservoir for the water system of the Village proper, plus some extension of mains along Route 106. This is much needed both for increased fire protection and improvement of our water pressure and distribution. Completion is expected in late 1978.

The Town, having voted in the past for a policy of unrestrained growth, is beginning to feel the tax impact in the demand for services which has drastically increased with over 100 domiciles coming into town each year since 1970.

All departments of the Town are being hard pressed to continue to render the type of service we have in the past without an astronomic increase in their individual budgets. In addition, the fact that we are in a different population bracket than formally has resulted in a decrease of State services such as patrolling the State highways through our Town which we now have to patrol with our department.

Over and above that, the State of New Hampshire is planning to run the By-pass through Belmont and has already engaged in some land taking which has resulted in stopping development in this area and which we estimate will cost the Town in the area of $300,000.00 per year in taxes for a substantial extra burden on the taxpayer. Some of that increase is already apparent in land which the State has taken and on which we are presently getting no tax money.

The mandated closing of our open dump burning last year has more than doubled the cost of our handling solid waste. On the recommendation of the special Disposal Committee which investigated this matter last year, we are

presently in a five year contract with Laconia and Gilford for our solid waste to be hauled to Danbury, New Hampshire. However, this is not a permanent solution and we must actively seek a better solution before the end of this contract.

Sewer construction in the primary areas in Town, as per the design work which is now done, is to be completed in 1980 and the cost will probably be 2 million dollars or more. As yet, we do not know where we shall be able to get funding.

On the other hand, all departments have cooperated with the Selectmen in trying to find outside funding to both help our tax rate and to complete projects like the reservoir, which are badly needed but which we cannot afford. We have generally been quite successful and estimate our total receipts during the last few years have been between 500 and 600 hundred thousand dollars for various purposes.

This has had a very good effect in helping us to hold the line on taxes and in fact to actually reduce taxes in terms of true market values. We do not, however, expect this condition will continue to prevail in future years as our demands are greater than any possible anticipated outside revenue.

On the recommendation of the Belmont Fire Department after the survey of possible sites, the Board of Selectmen has taken a temporary option on a piece of land on Route 106 which will be between 5 and 6 acres with a total frontage of 1217.78 feet on Route 106 on a clear, flat, highly visible stretch of road, located nearer the center of the population of the entire Town and also near the geographicial center of the Town according to the Fire Department survey. This is suitable for the construction of a fire department building and capable of future expansion if needed and also it would not feasible to do any building unless it is possible for us to obtain a grant for the cost of construction. The purpose of acquiring the site is to make us eligible to seek the type of grant needed. There are Federal and State grants available to the Towns if they can qualify. The amount of paper work and negotiating with engineers and Government Officials to obtain Federal grants is almoat umbelievable, but, as in the case of our EDA grant of $387,000.00 for the water tank, we believe it was worth it.

Selectman Clairmont is the Selectman representative to

the Planning Board and such matters as pertains to the solid waste disposal and Selectman Rhodes has taken the responsibility for the road problems in the Town, and together with our consulting engineer, Mr. Ken Briggs, has analysed and recommended procedures for improving the use of our tax dollars in this area. The Jamestown Bridge must be rebuilt or replaced. It has an estimated life at this time of about two years. The Jamestown Bridge must be rebuilt or replaced. It has an estimated life at this time of about two years. The Union Bridge has an estimated life of four years. Both these bridges are owned in conjunction with Tilton and both towns are requesting approval of bonding for the Jamestown Bridge and planning discontinuance of Union Bridge after Jamestown Bridge is rebuilt or replaced. Application has been made for State subsidy in the event that it is not feasible to replace Jamestown Bridge or if Tilton does not follow Belmont's suggestion of exploring the possibilities of rebuilding.

Hoadley Road Bridge should be rebuilt and we have a carry over from last year of $4,000 plus a recommendation of the budget committee for $1,000, which is about $4,000 short of the request of the highway department, and if the full amount is not voted at Town Meeting this year, the work cannot be done until 1979.

In closing, we would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the various committees, commissions and employees of the Town, for their close cooperation and dedication to duty that we have received during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Wuelper, Chairman
Romeo Clairmont
James F. Rhodes

REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS NEEDS COMMITTEE

Renovations got under way this fall on the Town Hall with the removal of the two entrances at the front of the building and making a single entrance with double doors and stairways leading to the basement and to the first floor. Two fireproof vaults were constructed; one adjacent to the Town Clerk's office and one in the basement for the storage of Town records. An emergency exit door was installed on the side of the building with a cement ramp leading to it which could be used by handicapped people who are unable to use the stairs. Two new bathrooms were installed near the exit door and next to the Police offices. The ceilings in the Selectmen's and Town Clerk's offices were lowered and the ceiling in the corridor completed. Both offices were paneled and the floors of the offices and corridor covered with carpeting.

The windows on the second floor were repaired and painted and some were removed because of their poor condition. There is still work to be done to the Police Department offices and to the exterior to complete Phase I.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Pearl, Chairman
Neil Whitcher
Ronald Mitchell
John Drouin
Wilbur Bickford

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND		5,197,963.
BUILDINGS		15,272,445.
FACTORY BUILDINGS		218,400.
PUBLIC UTILITIES - Gas		77,200.
Electric		587,200.
HOUSE TRAILERS, ASSESSED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY - 415		1,543,745.
BOATS & LAUNCHES - 42		14,350.
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		22,911,303.
EXEMPTIONS		
BLIND - 4	19,850.	
ELDERLY - 93	313,158.	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		333,008.
VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		22,578,295.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1977

APPROPRIATIONS:	AMOUNT
Town Officers' Salaries	15,666.42
Town Officers' Expenses	27,000.00
Election and Registration	1,000.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	5,500.00
Reappraisal of Property	3,500.00
Police Department	86,540.62
Fire Department	32,623.38
Care of Trees	330.00
Planning & Zoning	2,440.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Insurance	22,000.00
Civil Defense	300.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospital & Ambulance)	12,843.26
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	19,855.83
Town Road Aid	1,200.63
Town Maintenance	58,615.50
Street Lighting	6,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	43,775.00
Library	6,700.00
Town Poor	9,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.)	850.00
Recreation	500.00
Municipal Sewer Dept.	7,500.00
Municipal Water Dept.	19,155.63
Cemeteries	300.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	216.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	9,500.00
Hydrant Rental	5,544.00
Principal - Long Term Notes & Bonds	9,700.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	2,386.37
Interest on Temporary Loans	10,000.00
Shaker Road	20,000.00
Equipment (Fire Department)	5,025.00
Winnipesaukee River Basin Project	2,495.68
Revaluation	45,000.00
Murray Park	3,200.00
Sewage Engineering Collector System	13,000.00
Town Hall Renovations - Phase I	22,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund	10,000.00
Durrell Mt. Road	19,532.00
Police Cruisers (2)	9,522.20
Fire Department Vehicle	4,000.00
Seal Coating & Westview Drive	15,000.00
Bridges	1,500.00
Highway Department Truck	14,000.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & TAXES CONTINUED

Radio for Highway Department	995.00
Solid Waste Disposal	150,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	770,312.52
LESS: Estimated Revenues and Credits	
Resident Taxes	21,900.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00
Yield Taxes	2,300.00
Interest on Deliquent Taxes	15,000.00
Resident Tax Penalties	500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	20,012.00
Interest & Dividends Tax	7,422.00
Savings Bank Tax	3,684.00
Highway Subsidy	20,447.00
Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires	65.00
Gas Tax Refund	1,838.28
Dog Licenses	1,600.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	2,000.00
Interest Received on Deposits	3,184.68
Income From Trust Funds	3,600.00
Income From Departments	9,500.00
Income From Water Department	32,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	61,000.00
Town Poor	140.00
Racing Fees	34,300.00
Proceeds of Bonds & Long Term Notes	150,000.00
Revenue Sharing Funds	51,543.64
Anti-Recession	1,206.00
Governor's Commission on Crime & Delinquency	1,795.44
Total Revenues & Credits	445,846.04
Net Town Appropriations	324,467.00
Net School Appropriations	758,416.00
County Tax Assessments	89,503.00
Total of Town, School and County	1,172,386.00
Deduct: Total Business Profits Tax. Reimb.	42,124.00
Add: War Service Credits	19,100.00
Add: Overlay	20,194.00
Property Taxes To Be Raised	1,169,556.00

1976 Tax Rate:	Town	$1.56
	County	.39
	School	3.23
		$5.18

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS BY TREASURER

January 1, 1977 - December 31, 1977

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Town Officers' Salaries	15,486.76
Town Officers Expenses	29,980.69
Election & Registration	991.68
Town Hall & Other Buildings	6,082.87
Employees Retirement & Social Security	12,823.68
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	
Police Department	94,090.93
Fire Department	36,168.80
Care of Trees	330.00
Insurance	22,786.14
Planning & Zoning	2,586.92
Civil Defense	355.00
HEALTH	
Health Dept., including Hospital & Ambulance	14,084.22
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	19,855.83
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES	
Town Maintenance - Winter & Summer	55,077.34
Street Lighting	6,371.30
General Expense of Highway Department	45,608.83
Town Road Aid	1,200.63
LIBRARIES	6,700.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	
Town Poor	5,416.92
Old Age Assistance	8,410.11
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	850.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES	
Cemeteries	300.00
Hydrant Rentals	5,544.00
Advertising & Regional Association	216.00

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS BY TREASURER, CONTINUED

DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on Logn Term Notes	313.50
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes (Prepaid)	9,026.19
PRINCIPAL OF DEBT	
Long Term Notes	1,900.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Winnipesaukee River Basin Project	10,406.18
Town Hall Renovations - Phase I	7,943.59
Durrell Mt. Road	20,120.00
Shaker Road	11,041.00
Bridges	2,366.24
Seal Coating & Westview Drive	15,025.93
Murray & Sargent Parks	10,798.30
Office Furniture	443.00
Sewage Engineering Collector System	13,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	23,736.01
Revaluation	15,266.20
Radio for Highway	995.00
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	314.08
Police Cruisers (2)	9,522.20
Fire Department Equipment	5,025.00
Fire Department Vehicle	4,000.00
Highway Department Truck	13,522.57
REFUNDS	1,619.27
SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	732,705.45
COUNTY TAX	89,502.70
TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN	60,671.33
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	600,000.00

WATER RENT ACCOUNTS
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Uncollected 12/31/76	
Belmont District	2,608.83
Winnisquam "	49.25
Added Water Rents	
Belmont District	29,586.30
Winnisquam "	2,758.23
Overpayment:	
Belmont District	7.00
Total	35,009.61

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Remitted to Treasurer:	
Belmont District	29,848.32
Winnisquam "	2,725.65
Abated:	
Belmont District	11.94
Uncollected 12/31/77:	
Belmont District	2,341.87
Winnisquam "	81.83
Total	35,009.61

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTS

Total Balance, January 1, 1977	148,021.39
Checking Account Balance January 1, 1977	18,031.87
Total Receipts	2,097,570.71
	2,115,602.58
Total Payments	2,083,657.38
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit, Citizen's National Bank	31,945.20
Savings Account Balance January 1, 1977	75,747.71
Total Receipts	128,758.26
	204,505.97
Total Payments	200,000.00
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit, Peoples National Bank	4,505.97
Revenue Sharing Account Balance January 1, 1977	51,676.96
Total Receipts	48,186.37
	99,863.33
Total Payments	51,543.64
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit, Peoples National Bank	48,319.69
Payroll Account Balance January 1, 1977	-0-
Total Receipts	167,571.25
Total Payments	161,354.37
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit, Peoples National Bank	6,216.88
Escrow Accounts Balance January 1, 1977	1,358.85
Total Receipts	5,108.32
	6,467.17
Total Payments	3,054.25
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit Citizen's National Bank	3,412.92
Anti-Recession Fund Account Balance 1/01/77	1,206.00
Total Receipts	4,066.15
	5,272.15
Total Payments	5,272.15
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit Peoples National Bank	-0-
Sewer Commission Account Balance January 1, 1977	-0-
Total Receipts	50,300.00
Total Payments	30,000.00
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit Peoples National Bank	20,300.00
Total Balance December 31, 1977	114,700.66

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

January 1, 1977 - December 31, 1977

BALANCE - January 1, 1977		51,676.96
RECEIPTS:		
U. S. Government	45,742.00	
Interest on Deposits	2,444.37	
Total Receipts		48,186.37
		99,863.33
PAYMENTS:		
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	35,623.38	
Highway Dept. Operating Expenses	15,920.26	
Total Payments		51,543.64
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1977 ON DEPOSIT PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK		48,319.69

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

Belmont Division

Total Balance January 1, 1977	23,234.89
Checking Account Balance January 1, 1977	7,234.89
Total Receipts	29,450.79
	36,685.68
Total Payments	30,231.89
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit, Citizen's National Bank	6,543.79
Savings Account Balance January 1, 1977	6,000.00
Total Receipts	10,281.96
	16,281.96
Total Payments	-0-
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit Peoples National Bank	16,281.96
Certificates of Deposit #1239 & #1246 on Deposit Peoples National Bank	10,000.00
Total Balance December 31, 1977	32,735.75

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

Winnisquam Division

Total Balance January 1, 1977	3,857.99
Checking Account Balance January 1, 1977	1,857.99
Total Receipts	3,055.91
	4,913.90
Total Payments	2,993.12
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit Citizen's National Bank	1,920.78
Savings Account Balance January 1, 1977	2,000.00
Total Receipts	1,593.99
	3,593.99
Total Payments	-0-
Balance December 31, 1977 on Deposit Peoples National Bank	3,593.99
Total Balance December 31, 1977	5,514.77

SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS

DR.

	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	Prior years
Uncollected 12/31/76						
Property		255,118.69	8,172.41	3,770.35	1,668.00	1,932.90
Resident		4,670.00	110.00	40.00		
Yield		141.74	211.98			
Committed to Collector						
Property	1,036,528.80					
Resident	21,900.00					
Yield						
Added Taxes						
Property	704.48	397.32		154.70		
Resident	770.00	220.00	40.00			
Yield		2,566.58				
Interest		12,319.35	510.86	216.29		
Penalties	90.00	318.00				
Overpayments						
Property	357.28	35.00				
Resident	10.00	60.00				
Penalties		6.00				
Doomage	341.88					
	1,060,702.44	275,852.68	9,045.25	4,181.34	1,668.00	1,932.90

SUMMARY OF TAX WARRANTS, CONTINUED

CR.

	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	Prior years
Remitted to Treasurer						
Property	745,216.91	244,212.21	3,887.85	1,688.00		
Resident	16,900.00	3,220.00	110.00			
Yield		2,301.53				
Abatements						
Property	6,921.77	2,984.57		295.92		
Resident	1,790.00	1,000.00				
Yield						
Interest		12,319.35	510.86	216.29		
Penalties	90.00	324.00				
Uncollected 12/31/77						
Property	285,793.71	8,353.95	4,284.56	1,941.13	1,668.00	1,932.90
Resident	3,990.00	730.00	40.00	40.00		
Yield		406.79	211.98			
Plus Excess Debits	.05	.28				
	1,060,702.44	275,852.68	9,045.25	4,181.34	1,668.00	1,932.90

I hereby certify that the above report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown, Tax Collector

TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

DR.

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
Unredeemed 12/31/76							
Town		44,389.07	22,937.46	4,789.40	802.59	2,438.51	1,483.77
Individual		215.75					
Tax Sale 8/31/76							
Town	60,671.33						
Individual	224.31						
Interest & Cost	216.67	105.01	4,104.03	205.72	223.19	37.92	41.89
	61,112.31	44,709.83	27,041.49	4,995.12	1,025.78	2,476.43	1,525.66

CR.

Redeemed 12/31/77							
Town	11,330.51	16,941.87	20,706.39	1,339.41	374.52	285.98	69.21
Interest & Co							
Interest & Cost	216.67	105.01	4,104.03	205.72	223.19	37.92	41.89
Unredeemed 12/31/77							
Town	49,340.82	27,447.20	2,231.07	3,449.99	428.07	2,152.53	1,414.56
Individual	224.31	215.75					
	61,112.31	44,709.83	27,041.49	4,995.12	1,025.78	2,476.43	1,525.66

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
1976

Auto Registration Receipts	61,887.50
Dog Licenses, Including Kennels & Penalties	
1975	3.00
1976	28.00
1977	1,769.00
Recording & Discharging UCC Forms	741.50
Marriage Licenses	150.00
Copies	339.00
Filing Fees	7.00
Certificate of Title Application Fees	1,101.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	66,026.00
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	66,026.00

I hereby certify that the above report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown
Town Clerk

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS 1977

Water Works Improvement Bonds

Due	2 3/8%	4 1/2%	5 1/2%
1978	1,000	1,800	[illegible]
1979	1,000	1,800	[illegible]
1980	1,000	1,800	[illegible]000
1981		1,800	[illegible],000
1982		1,800	[illegible],000
	$3,000	$9,000	$19,000

FIRE TRUCKS

Due	Fire Truck 6%
1978	1,900
1979	1,900
	$3,800

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS RECEIPTS 1977

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977	$1,516.20
Received from Dividends	3,088.69
Received from Interest	1,053.09
Received from Capital Gain in Cash	15.35
Received for New Trust Funds	250.00
Received as Town of Belmont Reserve Funds	10,442.52
Total	$16,365.55

DISBURSEMENTS

New Funds put at Interest	250.00
For Care of Lots	1,334.13
For Care of Old Cemeteries	95.15
Care of Highland Cemetery	149.35
From Sargent Funds	1,811.44
General Care of South Road Cemetery	267.94
Certificate of Deposit for Capital Reserve Funds	10,442.52
Total	14,350.53
Balance on hand December 31, 1977	2,015.02

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 1977
OLD CEMETERY CASH ACCOUNT

Receipts	
January 1, 1977 Balance on hand	$138.74
May 5, 1977 Appropriation	300.00
November 19 Eleda Currier Fund	8.00
Total	446.74
Expeditures	
Paid during year for mowing	$281.95
Paid during year for gas and oil	6.75
Total	288.70
Balance on hand December 31, 1977	$158.04

BELMONT TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP, IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet for the 1978 annual meeting of the Town of Belmont to be holden in two sessions as follows:

FIRST SESSION

The FIRST SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, N.H., on the 14th day of March next, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To vote on the adoption of two amendments to the Expanded Elderly Exemption law.

3. To vote on the adoption of a tax exemption for solar energy heating or cooling systems.

SECOND SESSION

The SECOND SESSION shall be holden at the Roland Kimball Auditorium, Belmont High School, Belmont, N.H., on the 18th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear and act upon the reports of committees.

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year and to issue in the name of and on the credit of the Town, negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year.

3. To see what the Town will vote to do with the income from the John M. Sargent Fund.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to refinance and/or renew any loans which may become due during the current municipal year.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction and convey real property acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed.

6. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town to accept any available federal or state funds and grants for municipal purposes which it may be eligible to receive during 1978.

7. To see what action the Town will take upon the Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and authorize the collector of taxes to accept such payments.

9. To see if the Town will vote to permit grayhound racing on Sundays during 1978 at the Lakes Region Greyhound Club facility in the Town.

10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $48,319.69 for the following purposes:

Fire Dept. Operating Expense	$39,332.00
Highway Dept. Operating Expense	$ 8,987.69

and to authorize the withdrawal of $48,319.69 for the above purposes from the Revenue Sharing Fund, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, as amended.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal of a sum not to exceed $36,000.00 from the public works and fire protection equipment capital reserve fund for the purchase of a loader for the highway department.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to establish a capital reserve fund for the purchase of a fire engine for Winnisquam Fire Department, Inc., and that funds in said capital reserve fund be expended at such time as the Selectmen, as agents of the Town, determine in conjunction with the Selectmen of the Towns of Tilton and Sanbornton, that said engine should be purchased.

13. To see if the Town will vote to amend its health ordinance, being Chapter V of the Town Ordinances of 1977 by adding thereto, the following paragraph:

Wells. No dug well shall be located within 25 feet of any culvert, brook, stream, or other waterway in which surface water drains, whether such brook, stream or waterway is natural or man-made. No well shall be located where surface water may settle and become polluted. This ordinance shall not prohibit, however, the installation of an infiltration well within 25 feet of a lake or pond, provided the same is constructed according to plans supplied and approved by the Town Health Officer. The foregoing wells shall be inspected and approved by the Town Health Officer before put in use. A fee of $5.00 shall be paid for such inspection and approval by the person installing the well. Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be penalized the same as for a violation under the New Hampshire Criminal Code.

14. To see if the Town will vote to amend its health ordinance being Chapter V of the Town Ordinances of of 1977 by adding to paragraph 1. (e), the following sentence: "Said plans shall include test pit data, depth to water table, depth to ledge, and depth to hardpan," so that as amended, said Section (e) will read as follows:

> (e) No alteration, expansion or replacement of any sewage disposal system or any part thereof, shall commence until three sets of plans have been submitted to and approved by Health Officer of the Town of Belmont. Said plans shall include test pit data, depth to water table, depth to ledge, and depth to hardpan.

15. To see if the Town will vote in the event of approval of the budget appropriation for the town dump of $69,712.81, to rescind adoption of Article 32, as amended, in the warrant of the 1977 annual meeting.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000.00 and to authorize issue of notes or bonds in the amount of $100,000.00 for the purpose of rebuilding and replacing the Jamestown bridge in conjunction with the Town of Tilton.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 for the purpose of

preparing plans and specifications on sewage and sewage treatment facilities including acquisition of necessary land and/or easements, said sum of $50,000.00, plus the sum of $50,000.00 appropriated by Article 40 of the 1976 Annual Town Meeting, to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes in a sum not to exceed $100,000.00

18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Recreational Camping Ordinance (Chapter X of the Town Ordinances of 1977) paragraph 1 (c) relating to "Travel Trailer" by adding to said paragraph, the words, "Having a body width not exceeding 8 feet and a body length not exceeding 32 feet", so that as amended, said paragraph (c) shall read as follows:

    (c) "Travel Trailer" means a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation having a body width not exceeding 8 feet and a body length not exceeding 32 feet.

19. To see if the Town will vote to have the members of the Planning Board elected to office instead of appointed. (By Petition)

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a highway agent for the town beginning with the Annual Town Meeting in 1979.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the New Hampshire Housing Commission to operate in the Town of Belmont, and authorize said commission to sponsor a project for elderly and/or low income persons under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for any of the following accomodations, or combination thereof:

    (a) Existing standard housing 15 dwelling units;

    (b) Substantially rehabilitated housing 15 dwelling units;

    (c) Newly constructed housing 46 dwelling units;

    The total amount of the foregoing not to exceed 76 dwelling units.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for the town's share of S.A.R. (State Aid Reconstruction). (By Petition)

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,335.70 for the continuation of services to the low income and elderly residents of the Town of Belmont through the Laconia Area Center of the Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (By Petition)

24. To see if the Town will vote to designate South Road from Route 140 to the Gilmanton Town Line, as provided for in Chapter 253 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated. This ordinance shall be supervised by the Belmont Planning Board. (By Petition)

25. To see if the Town will vote to establish Leavitt Road as a scenic road in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated at Chapter 253. This road connecting routes 106 and 107 passes through both forest and open land and during fall and winter affords excellent views of the Belknap range. (By Petition)

26. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Hurricane Road as a scenic road as provided in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 253. This slightly winding road provides glimpses of the Northfield Hills and Mt. South Kearsage especially during late fall and winter. (By Petition)

27. To see if the Town will vote to amend its building ordinance (Chapter II, Town Ordinances of 1977) paragraph 1 by adding thereto the following: "Such permit shall be issued by the building inspector and shall expire one year from date of issue, unless construction has been substantially commenced thereunder," so that as amended said paragraph 1 shall read as follows:

> 1. Permit. No building construction shall be started, no trailers shall be used for living quarters, no alteration of existing buildings of an estimated cost of more than $200 undertaken, and no building shall be put to any different use than on the day of this enactment of this ordinance, and no dwelling or commercial buildings or trailers for living quarters shall be moved from one place to another in the Town of Belmont, N.H. until a permit thereof has been issued under the terms of this ordinance. Such permit shall be issued by the building inspector and

shall expire one year from date of issue, unless construction has been substantially commenced thereunder.

28. To see if the people of the Town of Belmont, by this vote wish to notify the Public Utilities Commission of their opposition to Public Service Companies' construction work in progress charge to to finance the construction of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. (By Petition)

29. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT.

Louis Wuelper
Romeo Clairmont
James F. Rhodes
Selectmen of Belmont

A true copy of warrant-attest:

Louis Wuelper
Romeo Clairmont
James F. Rhodes
Selectmen of Belmont

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING BY SELECTMEN

We hereby certify that on the 24th day of February, 1978, we posted attested copies of the within warrant at the Town Hall, Belmont High School, being place of meeting within specified, and a like copy of Farmers Market, a public place in said Town.

Louis Wuelper
Romeo Clairmont
James F. Rhoces
Selectmen of Belmont

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations Previous Year	Budget Committee Recommended 1978-1979	Budget Committee Submitted Without Recommendation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	15,666.42	17,428.46	
Town Officers' Expenses	27,000.00	34,500.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	1,000.00	2,000.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	5,500.00	6,200.00	
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	9,500.00	15,500.00	
Appraisals	3,500.00	50.00	
Conservation Commission		300.00	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:			
Police Department	86,540.62	98,955.09	
Fire Department	35,623.38	39,332.00	
Care of Trees	330.00	305.00	
Insurance	22,000.00	32,350.00	
Planning & Zoning	2,440.00	3,000.00	
Damages & Legal Expense	4,000.00	5,000.00	
Civil Defense	300.00	300.00	
HEALTH DEPT (INCL. HOSPITALS & AMBULANCE)	12,843.26	16,300.00	
Sewer Commission	7,500.00	500.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	19,855.83	69,712.81	

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT CONTINUED

HIGHWAY & BRIDGES:		
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	58,615.50	62,750.00
Street Lighting	6,500.00	7,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	43,775.00	57,088.75
Town Road Aid	1,200.63	1,192.96
LIBRARIES	6,700.00	7,600.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Town Poor	9,000.00	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00	9,000.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	850.00	950.00
RECREATION	500.00	1,650.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Municipal Water-Electric Utilities	19,155.63	23,000.50
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00
Hydrant Rentals	5,544.00	5,544.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	216.00	220.50
DEBT SERVICE:		
Principal - Long Term Notes & Bonds	9,700.00	8,700.00
Interest - Long Term Nores & Bonds	2,386.37	1,898.88
Interest on Temporary Loans	10,000.00	11,000.00

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT CONTINUED

CAPITAL OUTLAY:		
Fire Department Equipment	5,025.00	3,355.00
Police Cruiser	9,522.20	4,838.00
Sewage Engineering	13,000.00	50,000.00
Murray Park	3,200.00	13,300.00
Town Hall Renovations	22,000.00	14,500.00
Shaker Road (Add. Highway Subsidy)	20,000.00	11,679.83
Loader (From Capital Reserve)		36,000.00
S.A.R. (Town's Share)		5,000.00
Jamestown Road Bridge - Bond Issue		100,000.00
Durrell Mt. Road	19,532.00	20,374.00
Seal Coating	15,000.00	16,000.00
Federal Grant		2,000.00
Winnipesaukee River Basin	2,495.68	2,339.69
Winnisquam Fire Truck		5,000.00
Bridges (Hoadley Road)	1,500.00	1,000.00
Land Acquisition & Easements		2,000.00
Minor Road Construction		8,100.00
Highway Truck		14,000.00
Fire Station Site		21,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	556,317.52	885,615.47

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year 1978 (1978-79)
FROM STATE			
Interest & Dividends Tax	4,500.00	4,710.55	5,500.00
Savings Bank Tax	2,500.00	3,169.26	3,300.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	18,000.00	20,012.53	20,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl.IV & V)	20,538.00	21,465.24	20,447.09
Reim A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	9,598.00	10,078.00	20,000.00
Additional Highway Subsidy			11,679.83
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:			
Dog Licenses	1,100.00	1,013.50	1,500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	800.00	1,810.00	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	39,000.00	57,870.00	51,431.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	15,000.00	20,510.05	20,000.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds			36,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes		10.00	
Resident Taxes Retained	17,500.00	21,240.00	20,500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	2,893.97	1,500.00
Income from Departments Police 2,500.	3,000.00	8,767.14	4,000.00
Other Depts. 1,500.	1,000.00	2,367.98	
Income from Municipal Utilities	29,000.00		31,499.38
Bond & Note Issues (Contra) Jamestown Bridge Bond			100,000.00
Additional Sewage Bond	50,000.00		50,000.00

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BELMONT CONTINUED

SURPLUS	Solid Waste	150,000.00		
FROM FEDERAL SOUCES:	Outdoor Recreation	3,740.90	26,768.30	-0-
Revenue Sharing		45,000.00	48,186.37	48,319.69
Racing Fees		20,000.00	34,700.00	24,000.00
Anti-Recession Fund			4,066.15	
TOTAL REVENUES		430,776.90	289,639.04	471,196.99

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Earl Sweeney, Chairman
John Dominic
George Condodemetraky
Howard D. Wells
Donald A. Lockwood
Kenneth Ellis
Leo J. Alger
Wilson S. Mansfield
Mark A. Mooney
Leslie E. Roberts
Matthew Mirski
Julia C. Perkins

BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Again this year, the Incident Reports show an increase of 32 percent over last year, as regards calls to this department for emergency and special services.

We had 226 emergency and special service calls and 61 mutual aid calls. This department received assistance from other departments 45 times.

Again, I would urge all citizens to be extra careful when installing a wood stove or when using their fireplaces. We have found several improperly installed stoves during inspections this year and we feel that many tragic incidences could be avoided if the department is called at the time of installing the stoves for information and guidance in the operation of either stoves or fireplaces.

We are happy to report that many smoke alarms have been installed this year but there are many more houses that should have alarms in them. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions along this line, because we are here to assist you in any way we can.

The department as a whole, wishes to thank all the people of Belmont for their support and help this past year, and ask for your continued support fo the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Bordeau, Chief
Belmont Fire Department

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of 1/4 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	139	244
Town	18	2½

Richard S. Chase
District Fire Chief

Robert Bordeau
Forest Fire Warden

ANNUAL FIRE REPORT OF
WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT - 1977

Total number of Emergency Calls 133
Mutual Aid Calls 7
Town of Belmont Calls 55
Town of Meredith Calls 4
Town of Sanbornton Calls 22
Towns of Tilton/Northfield Calls 45

Types of Calls:
Rescue & Vehicle Fires 30
Residential 24
Commercial 7
False Alarms 2
Chimney Fires 15
Electrical 5
Grass & Brush Fires 16
Medical Emergencies 24
Miscellaneous 4

The Present Fire Equipment Consist of:
1 - 1968 International - 750 Gallon Pump - 1000 Gallon Tank
1 - 1952 GMC 500 Gallon Pump - 600 Gallon Tank
1 - 1958 Van-Type Emergency Truck
1 - Government Surplus 10 Wheel Truck - 350 Gal. Pump

There are thirty-six (36) volunteer firemen enrolled in the department. Regular business meetings are held monthly, the first Thursday of each month, with special officer's meetings and drills held when necessary. Many menbers have attended local fire schools, and several are enrolled in the N.H. Vocational Technical School Fire Training Courses.

The Annual Carole Davis Memorial Christmas Party was held in December, for the children in the Winnisquam area. The customary Bingo games, suppers and other fund raising events were held.

The number of emergency calls we have made during the past year have increased again, drastically. The following figures for the past five years are self evident of the need for updating our equipment.

Total Response Calls 1973 - 52
Total Response Calls 1974 - 66
Total Response Calls 1975 - 64
Total Response Calls 1976 - 87
Total Response Calls 1977 - 133

The largest increase is the Rescue and Medical Emergency responses. Since our Emergency Truck is twenty years old, and our First Line Fire Truck is ten years old, our department is badly in need of new equipment. The only source of funds for these necessary expenses are from the Taxpayers of the various towns we service.

We have hopefully requested from each town an amount for capital funds, in addition to our regular department maintenance funds. This capital fund request, is to be spread over the next four years, giving sufficient money to purchase new trucks by 1981.

We have completely rebuilt our 1952 GMC Truck, which will hopefully carry us through until 1981, the target date for our new replacement.

Respectfully submitted.

Roy S. Ruggles, Clerk
Winnisquam Fire Department

WINNISQUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenses from January 1, 1977 - December 31, 1978

Fuel	1,407.94	
Lights	644.66	
Telephone	176.21	
Dept. Maintenance	2,167.33	
Truck Maintenance	2,197.94	
New Equipment	3,491.25	
TOTAL SPENT		10,085.33
Balance Town's Funds January 1, 1977 (Deficit)		1,874.11
Received Town's Funds		11,350.00
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1977 (Deficit)		609.44

Respectfully submitted,

Robert V. Brooks
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

This has been the first full year with Robert Dawes as your Police Chief. Every effort has been made to have the Belmont Police Department be as service oriented as it was when Earl Sweeney served as Police Chief. We hope our efforts have been considered successful by the community.

In the past we have measured our progress by comparing the current years Calls for Service with that of the previous year. This year, however, we cannot draw direct comparisons as our system for the accounting of Calls for Service has changed from that of the previous year.

In 1977 New Hampshire adopted the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system statewide. As a result, offenses are classified differently then in past years.

We are proud to report, however, that it does appear that we were able to achieve a reduction in the crime rate.

The accounting system for motor vehicle accidents is the same as in past years. We are pleased to report that personal injury accidents were reduced by 33.33% and overall accidents reduced by 13.25%. The effort was, unfortunately, marred by one fatality on US 3 over Labor Day Weekend.

We feel that the apparent reduction in the crime rate and actual reduction in accident rate was due to year long effort by all members of your Police Department. Diligent patrol and use of crime prevention methods deterred persons from committing crimes and committing motor vehicle violations that could result in accidents. The assistance of the entire community was vital to this effort.

All officers attended advanced police training courses conducted by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council at no cost to the town. Some of the classes were Police Photography, Breathalyzer, Police Supervision and Court Prosecutor. Chief Dawes received three weeks command training at Babson College.

After several years of trying, we were able to obtain a military surplus jeep through the New England Regional Commission at no cost. The jeep is a 1955 model and although too old for everyday use, it does provide us with the capability of reaching anyone requesting police service during times of weather emergency. The equipment used to place the jeep into service was already on hand.

Roy Roberts served as an additional patrolman during the summer. He received the highest mark on the patrolman's examination conducted by the New Hampshire Department of Personnel. Roy served one summer as a cadet at the Belknap County Sheriff's Department and one summer at Laconia Police Department. He also had experience as a Police Dispatcher at the Belknap County Sheriff's Department. Roy is a full time student in Criminal Justice at St. Anselems College.

Lu-Ann Fortin and Scott Bryant worked as summer cadets. They were required to pass a test conducted by the Belmont High School Guidance Department.

Officer Roberts and Cadets Bryant and Fortin were on programs funded with grants from the Governor's Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Among the noticeable cases solved by police action were house burglaries on South Road and Union Road, a Forgery at Penny's Restaurant and a Forcible Rape. Several cars reported as stolen from neighboring towns were recovered by the Belmont Police Department. Two cars stolen from Belmont were recovered and the perpetrators of the crime apprehended and subsequently convicted in court. The accidental shooting death of a Massachusetts man on Sunray Shores was also investigated.

Now is a difficult time for the planning of your police department's future. The town is growing so rapidly that the danger of being caught part way through the year without sufficient budget to handle the sudden increase in demands for police service is very real.

There are those who suggest that police service be reduced in an effort to save on funding. However, we feel that the community has a right to expect these services and they should not be reduced. If certain services were not provided by us, the community may very well demand the formation of a new agency to provide such services, possibly resulting in greater total cost over the long run.

Our thanks to the Selectmen, Budget Committee and the Town's people for their continued support during the year. We also wish to thank the neighboring law enforcement agencies for providing prompt and professional assistance whenever asked.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Dawes
Chief of Police

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1977
ANALYSIS OF DAILY COMPLAINTS

Criminal	540
Non Criminal	1,660

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Fatals	1
Personal Injury	28
Property Damage	102

(down 50%, 33.33%, 4.67%)

Value Property Stolen	$55,688.95
Property Recovered	$52,649.43

ARRESTS, SUMMONS & LICENSE SUSPENSIONS

Adults	469
Juveniles	116

OTHER DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Warnings	1,663
DE Tags	597
Checkups	952
Aid to Motorists	735
Doors Secured	287
Aid to Other Departments	121
Abandoned Vehicles Checked	482
Street Lights Out	51
Court Attended	63

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

1977

Total number of dogs taken in 72

Number of dogs returned to owner..... 44

Number of dogs disposed of for owners..... 1

Number of dogs kept 10 or 7 days and sisposed of.... 27

Number of stray cats disposed of 13

Number of phone calls answered - complaints, etc....116

Effective July 25, 1977:
All impounded dogs shall be kept and maintained at the dog officers residence on Depot Street for a minimum of (7) rather than (10) days, unless reclaimed earlier by the owner. Upon reclaiming the dog, the owner shall pay the dog officer a fee of ($3.00) rather than ($2.00) per dog, per day of impoundment. An increased pickup fee shall be imposed.

Effective August 30, 1977:
All dogs 3 months old and over, must be licenced by May 1st.

Male	$6.00	Female	$6.50
Neutered Male	$3.50	Spayed Female	$3.50

Warning: Failure to comply will make you liable to a penalty of $1.00 per month after June 1st.

Aime J. Bourque
Dog Officer

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

This year the Belmont Civil Defense has continued its communications with our surrounding towns.

Desks, cabinet, file and table were purchased for the town office.

The town's disaster plan has been brought up to date.

Next year the Civil Defense plans to work close with the rescue squad to bring the equipment up to date through matching funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harper
Director

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees Report January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1976		2,801.96
Town Appropriation	6,700.00	
Duffy Library Trust	2,050.00	
Hall Rental	22.00	
Fines, Fees & Miscellaneous	40.07	
Reimbursement by Town for Furnace Repairs	723.62	
		9,535.69
Sub Total		12,337.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Librarian's Salary	3,500.00	
Books and Subscriptions	1,223.10	
Library supplies and postage	80.73	
Janitorial Service	600.00	
Janitor Supplies	1.70	
Fuel	872.97	
Utilities	479.59	
Insurance	201.60	
Building Repairs & Maintenance	1,516.34	
Purchase of Vacuum Cleaner	129.00	
Miscellaneous	158.89	
		8,763.92
Balance on hand December 31, 1977		3,573.73

Carrie W. Cushing
Helen M. Hill
Wallace P. Rhodes, Trustees

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation 1977:

Non-fiction	
Adult	1133
Juvenile	1264
Fiction	
Adults	2456
Juvenile	2522
Magazines	850
Records	51
Total	8276

The bookmobile from the State Library visited three times during 1977 and we borrowed a total of 888 books. Through inter-library loan we borrowed 40 books, and 78 books were borrowed from the Laconia Library. Through purchase and gifts 270 books were added to our collection.

It was our pleasure to receive gifts of books from the Belmont Lions Club, the Belmont Historical Society, Mr. and Mrs. John Toal in memory of Kennth Woodward, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Blanchard in memory of Thomas A Roach, as well as from several individuals who gave books they were no longer using.

In order to save on fuel costs the attic was insulated and storm windows installed. The furnace was also overhauled in order to operate more efficiently.

Five hours have been added to our schedule for a total of 25 hours per week that the library is open. The hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 1-5, Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-8, and Saturdays 1-4. We try to have something for everyone-from picuture books for preschoolers to enjoyable reading for senior citizens. All are welcome to come in and get acquainted.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn C. Morse
Librarian

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

This year permits were issued for approximatley 75 new houses in Belmont making this our busiest year as far as septic systems inspections are concerned. Some of these developments are in areas where there are pollution problems caused by surface water and drainage and because of the high water table. I have requested the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission to re-evaluate the area before any more sewage plans are issued and I have also notified the State Health Department that there may be future health problems as more development is completed.

We have had to reject several poorly constructed septic systems and the contractors were required to rebuild these systems to meet state and stown standards to guarantee, as best we can, their proper operation.

There is a filter that can be installed on any sewage system which will aid the operation of the system and could probably save people of the town many dollars of repair cost once it has been installed. The cost of the filter itself is small, around four or five dollars, but this does not include installation. If you are interested in getting more information on this filter deal, please contact me and I will be happy to give you what information I have on it.

At this time, I would strongly urge the Belmont Planning Board and the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, for the health and welfare of all the residents of Belmont, to move a bit slower in approving new areas for development that could in any way pollute any of our streams or lakes. I feel we can lick any problem that may have a direct impact on the health and welfare of the Town if we work together as a community, and we will remain "The Best Town by a Dam Site".

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stevens
Health Officer

BELMONT PLANNING BOARD REPORT

New Hampshire is reported to be the second fastest growing state. The effect of this is being felt in Belmont. This past year has been a busy one for the Planning Board and it's subsidiary, the Support Committee. We have had 36 subdivision applications presented to us for consideration. Several of the larger ones have been situated on gravel roads which are deterioting with increased use.

Belmont is growing rapidly and without a Land Use Plan (Zoning) the Town has no tool with which to guide it's growth and to encourage the most appropriate use of the land. Residential property development does not pay for the services necessary to support it. Therefore, we can expect a steadily increasing tax rate in order to expand and maintain services at their present level.

Our roads need considerable and costly improvement to meet increased traffic. Belmont schools are approaching full capacity. Police and Fire Department work loads have been increasing at an alarming rate. Only with the support of it's citizens can the Planning Board guide Belmont's growth in an orderly fashion so that we may keep Belmont a pleasant and affordable place in which to live now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Baillie, Chairman
Denis Dupuis
Whitman Ide
Leslie Roberts
Leigh Stephenson
Roger Chevalier

REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

The Reservoir and pump houses on #1 and #2 wells are inspected daily and the standby gas engine at well #2 is given a test run each month.

We had to replace the electric cable that powers well #2 and we also had our recording gauges reconditioned and a night light installed.

All hydrants are inspected periodically during the winter to make sure they are not frozen and are in good working order. The hydrants are clared of snow under the supervision of the Belmont Fire Department in the Town area and the Winnisquam Fire Department clears the hydrants at the Mall.

Five new services have been installed this year making a total of 340 services in the Town district. We are still on a program of flushing all hydrants to remove silt from our mains. We have improved the flow from most hydrants and hope for more improvement with continued flushing. The Commissioners want to thank the Belmont Fire Department for their help on this program.

We have been called out for 12 frozen services this year due to the continuing cold of January.

The Belmont Water Department and the Winnisquam Division of the Belmont Water Department are under the supervision of the Board of Water Commissioners who are directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen. The present Commissioners are: Theodore Cate, Chairman, Lawrence Clairmont, Ronald Mitchell, Cedric Witham and Bernard Dube.

The Water Commissioners have worked with the Selectmen on the EDA grant for the Town Reservoir. This will be a one million gallon steel tank above ground reservoir which should give us a much better reserve for water in case of an important fire and should also help us in better water pressure for some of our services which presently do not have very good pressure.

We are extending the mains from Route 140 along Route 106 in the direction of Concord Street, with a new 10" main which we hope will reach to the 6" main we presently have on Concord Street and which has had both a low pressure and a silt problem. This will give us a circular loop as recommended by our engineers, Keyes Associates, in their report of 1968. It will also comply with the recommendations of the Board of Fire Underwriters made to us in

1970. We expect to install some fire hydrants along this line and this will make available a much better flow of water in the event of a fire at the school or other portions of the Town that can be reached from this area.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Clairmont
Superintendent

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN REPORT

Again this year more progress has been seen towards the ultimate completion of the Winnipesaukee River Basin Project. The Treatment Plant in Franklin is moving along and it is estimated that it will be completed along with the Belmont Interceptor Sewer which will start at the Village in the fall of 1979.

The responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the numerous pump stations is now being determined. It is hoped that most of the communities will be in a position to connect to the system at the time of the treatment plant completion. The greater the amount of sewage at the time of start up, the more likely the estimated operation and maintenance cost of 40 cents per 1000 gallons will be realized.

Much more information is now becoming available, and it is hoped that town voters will attend future public hearings called by the Belmont Sewer Commissioners to express their views and have their questions answered on both the local and basin sewerage system.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Fournier

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

In 1977 the Conservation Commission of Belmont continued to have meetings in the basement of the town library on the third Friday of the month.

The Commission focussed primarily on topics stemming from the enabling legislation for Conservation Commissions (RSA 36-A:1-6) "for the proper utilization and protection of watershed resources of the town.".... It shall keep an index of all open space and natural, estetic or ecological areas within the town, with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such areas, including lands owned by state or town. It shall keep an index of all marshlands, swamps, and all other wet lands."

Accordingly, the Commission briefed the owners of the most extensive swamp lands on the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation process of land acquisition for public use. There has been no immediate results arising from these briefings.

The Commission then turned to to lands already owned by the state and town, but which have not been utilized or even extensively known to the general public. Nearly three acres of such land lies between the old and new route 107 and borders Marsh Hill for approximately 1400 feet. The lower portion contains the well-known spring. The higher portion affords a magnificent view. Methods of utilization of this land that should prove satisfactory to adjacent owners of property are being carefully considered. Assistance in maintaining the area (pick-up of litter) has been requested from the scout troops of Belmont. Adjacent land owners will be notified of a public hear-ing before any steps are taken regarding this matter. As a preliminary measure the area was inspected in detail and surveyed.

The Commission has also acquired information from other towns on the status of their recently created scenic-roads, and has had liaeson primarily with the commissions of Sandwich (100% scenic) and Gilford (very selectively scenic) The roadside brush on the Belmont portion of the Cotton Road was selectively cut by means of a Boy Scout project. There is now little perceptible difference in appearance as one passes the town line and travels on the Gilford portion of the same road that was created as scenic in the Gilford Town Meeting about a year ago.

In late Spring of 1977 the Commission accepted responsibility of the bandstand that had been brought into excellent condition by the much appreciated efforts of numerous public spirited citizens. The finishing touches provided by the landscaping were completed by early summer and it has not been necessary to make further improvements.

BELMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT CONTINUED

In accordance with the enabling legislation and as a long-term project a general inventory is to be maintained of all open space, natural and ecological areas within the town including view points, scenic brooks and paths and a few areas of potential archeological interest.

Blake Loring, Chairman
Stanley Hill
Roscoe Twombly
Judy Pilliod
Lillian Loring
Robert Atherton

BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION

The Belmont Recreation Commission would like to say we are very proud of the way the kids of Belmont enjoyed their new park and the nice way they kept it all year. There has been no vandalism at Sargent Park by the kids. This past summer was the second summer it was used and the usage was increased at least 200% over last summer. The enjoyment it provided to all segments of the people of Belmont left no question in our mind of its worthiness to the people of Belmont.

Murray Park (Pout Pond) has progressed at a very fast rate this past year. Thanks to the US Army Reserves 368th Engineers. The effort and time they put into it this year was tremendous, the amount of savings to the Town of Belmont when finished will be well over $60,000.00 worth of work. The end resuls will mean the town having a recreational area for all townspeople to use, swimming, picnicing, etc. It is designed to fit in with the areas natural environment for all residents to use and enjoy. The thing of most inportance to the area is that all people using the area, treat it as if it could disapear any minute, because it could and will if its naturalness is abused by leaving trash and putting anything at all in the water. There will be no soap in the water of any kind, no horses allowed nor dirt bike. The area will be closed completely at any minutes notice of uncontrolable abuse of the water and land. You, the users will be the determining factor in maintaining the usability of the area. The kids using the area have done a fine job keeping it clean, the adult segment of the town has been the problem of abuse there from 18 years old and up. It has been only a few of those, but will deprive all the others the use of the area if we are unable to catch the abusers and persuade them to enjoy it and not abuse it. This is not just a mere threat but a statement of definite policy. We have enjoyed doing our part to make it possible with the backing of the towns taxpayers and the Army Reserves. Now, it is up to you to do your part when using the area.

Arthur J. Horan, Chairman
Belmont Recreation Commission

SEWER COMMISSION REPORT
TO THE TOWN

The Town's sewer collection system being designed by the Environmental Engineers, Inc. of Concord, was approximately 50% complete as of December 31, 1977. The Sewer Commission estimated design completion schedule for June of 1977, had to be extended because of unforseen delays in engineering procedure. However, by the time of the Town meeting in March of 1978, the design should be 100% complete.

The total contract price with Environmental Engineers, Inc. for designing the Town's sewer system is as follows:

Total Contract Price	237,200.
Inelligable Costs	5,000.
Elligable Cost (Cost that qualify for participation of grant funds)	232,200.
75% EPA Participation Cost	174,150.
20% State Participation Cost	46,440.
5% Town Participation Cost	11,610.
Total Elligable Cost	232,200.
Plus Inelligable Cost	5,000.
TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	237,000.

The Sewer Commission plans to hold public hearings to discuss sewage location, easements and land acquisition. We also wish to discuss with the public the method we are proposing to pay for those portions of sewer that are not eligible under 95% EPA & State grants.

The total construction cost of the sewer will be approximately 5.4 million dollars. This estimated cost covers the village proper, the Town's Lakes Region area, Rt. 140 and South Road and Rt. 106 (Prescott Hill).

The total estimated cost which will not be covered by the 95% EPA & State grant will amount to approximately 2.2 million dollars.

We solicit and encourage your participation in future public hearings the Sewer Commission will be having during 1978.

Respectfully submitted,
George Condodemetraky, PE, Chairman
Richard Fournier, PE
Cedric Witham, ME

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
01/03	Laconia	Brandy Lynn Fedorczuk	Michael Edward Fedorczuk	Linda Le Hibbard
01/08	Laconia	Adam Scott Payne	Fred Western Payne	Mary Louise Gorski
01/09	Laconia	Christopher Douglas Plourde	Robert Francis Plourde	Elizabeth --- Beach
01/26	Laconia	Jodi Ann Gilbert	Gerard Frank Gilbert	Michelle M. York
02/01	Laconia	Erik Armand Ouellette	Kenneth Allen Ouellette	Mary Diana Reekie
02/08	Laconia	Kristy Lynn Mansfield	James Scott Mansfield	Mary Lou Cochrane
02/28	Laconia	Kristy Lynn Taylor	Marc Curtis Taylor	Bonnie Lynn Avery
03/17	Laconia	Andrea Katherine Hilkovitz	Gabriel --- Hilkovitz	Laura Lee Wheeler
03/21	Laconia	Andrew Glen Brown	Geln Franklin Brown	Patricia Ellen Powell
03/22	Laconia	Rudolph Andrew Chimo III	Rudolph Andrew Chimo II	Pamela B. Auslander
03/28	Laconia	Timothy Allan White	Christopher A. White	Debra A. Scarsilloni
04/21	Concord	Kathryn Rose Boudreau	Norman Joseph Boudreau	Kay Barnard
04/21	Laconia	Karl Robert Atherton	Robert Stuart Atherton	Melissa Grace Bach
05/03	Laconia	Robert Scott Akerstrom	Albert John Akerstrom III	Sheila Ann Wiles
05/09	Laconia	Trudy Lyn Harper	Robert Aubrey Harper	Susan Jean Mountfort
05/12	Laconia	Karen Lynn Atherton	William Ira Atherton	Denise Claudia DeRoy
06/02	Laconia	Lisa Dawn Simpson	Bruce Wayne Simpson	Gertrude Laura Wells
06/05	Laconia	Patricia Theresa Dutile	Phillip Armand Dutile	Suzanne Elizabeth Colstad
07/26	Laconia	Richard Joseph Jewell	Richard Wayne Jewell	Alyce May Akerstrom
08/04	Concord	Myah Sullivan Caruso	Kenneth Eugene Caruso	Cheryl Lee Sullivan
08/07	Laconia	Ronald Rexford Hurst	Albert William Hurst, Jr.	Norma Jean Durette
08/27	Laconia	Julie Ann Gaillard	James George Gaillard	Gayle Holly Gallant
08/31	Laconia	Kristie Lee Pearson	Michael Joseph Pearson	Jayne Marie Hutchinson
08/31	Laconia	George William Banfill	Robert Spencer Banfill, Sr.	Barbara Ann Jones

09/16	Laconia	Donna Louise Runkles	James W. Runkles	Debra L. Garceau
09/21	Laconia	Thomas Gerald LeMien	Fred E. LeMien	Denise E. Maheux
09/23	Laconia	Neil William Dyke, Jr.	Neil William Dyke	Diane Marie Drouin
10/04	Laconia	Bethany Alex Davison	George Alexander Davison, Jr.	Donna Marie Williams
10/29	Laconia	Sean Michael McCarty	Michael Patrick McCarty	Nancy Gail Stanley
11/16	Concord	Stefan Lee Smith	David Alden Smith	Barbara Ellen Penniman
11/30	Laconia	Courtney Beth Jacques	William Lester Jacques	Joanne --- Taylor
12/04	Laconia	Thomas James Rhodes	James Frederick Rhodes	Pamela Sue Murphy
12/05	Laconia	Christine Meagan Board	David Allen Board	Janet Patricia Murphy
12/06	Concord	Kristen Anne Boklund	Carl John Boklund	Deborah Ann Page

I hereby certify that the above Vital Statistic report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECMEBER 31, 1977

Date	Name of Bride & Groom	Age	Residence	Where Married
01/01	Samuel Bryan Rowe	23	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Suzanne H. Stevens	22	Belmont, NH	
01/15	Robert Charles Bolton	33	Laconia, NH	Gilford, NH
	Carol Virginia Milmore	33	Belmont, NH	
01/31	Richard R. Cote	37	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Joanna R. Bilodeau	29	Belmont, NH	
04/07	Frederick J. Nialetz	31	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
	Holly M. Smith	20	Belmont, NH	
04/09	Roger Ernest Carignan	20	Laconia, NH	Gilford, NH
	Betsy J. Perkins	19	Belmont, NH	
04/23	David A. Board, III	17	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Janet P. Murphy	16	Belmont, NH	
04/25	Doyle J. Chaille	55	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Elizabeth Alders	48	Belmont, NH	
05/07	Bernard Roland Little	58	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Alice Mary Marceau	57	Laconia, NH	
05/07	John David Rowson	36	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH
	Lynn Marie Clavett	28	Belmont, NH	
05/21	Richard Allen Moore	28	Gilford, NH	Lakeport, NH
	Susan Mary Mooney	24	Belmont, NH	
05/28	Terrell P. Swain	19	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Catherine M. Dragon	19	Canterbury, NH	
06/18	Fred O. Wheeler, Jr.	25	Belmont, NH	Gilford, NH
	Nikki Joy Guarino	20	Gilford, NH	

06/18	James David Reid	23	Exeter, NH	Belmont, NH
	Cynthia Piscopo	25	Belmont, NH	
06/26	David H. Young	25	Wallingford, Conn.	Belmont, NH
	Darlene A. Stokes	25	Belmont, NH	
07/01	Ivan W. Newtin	33	Gilford, NH	Gilford, NH
	Karen S. Rochon	26	Belmont, NH	
07/02	Richard Lee Cotnoir	28	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Diane Patricia Shumway	19	Northfield, NH	
07/09	Robert Carl Griffin	53	Laconia, NH	Sanbornton, NH
	Flora Marie Lavallee	63	Belmont, NH	
08/06	Herbie R. Ainsworth	29	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Lucinda J. Bean	25	Belmont, NH	
08/06	David Washisko	20	Woburn, Mass.	Belmont, NH
	Wanda Wells	18	Belmont, NH	
08/06	Gene Jay Welcome	19	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Brenda Lee Paquin	17	Belmont, NH	
08/06	Richard Kilgore	23	Belmont, NH	Moultonborough, NH
	Donna Giovannone	24	Belmont, NH	
08/06	Kirkman J. Cassavaugh, Jr.	21	Belmont, NH	Tilton, NH
	Terri K. LaPage	19	Lochmere, NH	
08/11	Dale B. Schafer, Jr.	23	Belmont, NH	Plymouth, NH
	Bonnie L. Bliss	26	Belmont, NH	
08/12	Michael R. Crockett	20	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Jeannie Elizabeth Danforth	19	Belmont, NH	
08/20	Brent Mitchell Santy	25	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Cynthia Ann Landry	24	Laconia, NH	
08/20	Ernest Sven Carlson	27	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Patricia Helen Stetson	23	Laconia, NH	
08/20	Eric M. Palmer	25	Belmont, NH	Exeter, NH
	Lois C. Weber	34	Belmont, NH	

08/27	James Edward Lavoie	26	Dover, NH	Belmont, NH
	Kathleen A. Hoey	27	Belmont, NH	
08/27	Daniel R. Dow	22	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Nancy R. Lakeman	19	Belmont, NH	
08/27	Bruce Allen Pearl	21	Belmont, NH	Loudon, NH
	Diane Joyce Moore	19	Loudon, NH	
09/10	Christian James Hiestand	26	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Denise Ann Nicholson	21	Laconia, NH	
09/16	George A. Kimball	39	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Joan A. Garceau	35	Belmont, NH	
09/17	Richard W. Scott	48	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Margaret Young	46	Belmont, NH	
09/24	Edward Milton Abrams	30	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Barbara Gail Sanborn	24	Laconia, NH	
09/24	Michael C. Dorman	26	Belmont, NH	Laconia, NH
	Juliette R. Schaffer	21	Belmont, NH	
09/30	John J. Buckley	40	Berkley, Mass.	Belmont, NH
	Pauline K. Roy	40	Taunton, Mass.	
10/01	Archie Linwood Ellsworth	60	Laconia, NH	Belmont, NH
	Wanda Anita Brown	53	Belmont, NH	
10/19	Thomas J. Hoyt	27	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Sheryl A. Hoyt	25	Belmont, NH	
10/23	Michael Horn	21	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Lorraine Downs	18	Belmont, NH	
10/08	James Sherman Crowley, Jr.	30	Belmont, NH	Concord, NH
	Sally Roberts Kimball	37	Concord, NH	
10/29	Harry Edward Robbins	37	Concord, NH	Hooksett, NH
	Deborah Louise Smith	26	Belmont, NH	
10/31	John C. Snow	31	Belmont, NH	Belmont, NH
	Susan L. Daneault	24	Belmont, NH	

11/12	Thomas P. Woodbury	18	Gilmanton, NH	Belmont, NH
	Kathleen L. Brizer	17	Belmont, NH	
11/12	Richard W. Long	30	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH
	Brenda R. Dube	31	Belmont, NH	
11/19	David C. Evans	42	Belmont, NH	Wolfeboro, NH
	Carol A. Cronin	34	Belmont, NH	
11/26	Paul A. Stohl	23	Meredith, NH	Gilford, NH
	Susan M. Lockwood	19	Belmont, NH	
12/20	Joseph W. Auclair	44	Belmont, NH	Bennington, NH
	Lucille Crowley	29	Franklin, NH	
12/30	Peter Michael Vangjel	22	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH
	Joanne Bannon	21	Belmont, NH	

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Calvin D. Brown
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Birthplace
01/03	Laconia, NH	Arthur O. Bishop, Sr.	67	M	NH
01/03	Laconia, NH	Earl M. Ellsworth	84	M	NH
01/13	Laconia, NH	Ledger Joseph Parent	82	M	NH
02/02	Laconia, NH	Nellie Rollins	73	F	NH
02/14	Laconia, NH	Robert Hammond	67	M	Mass.
02/16	Laconia, NH	Earl nmn Hollins	64	M	NH
03/13	Laconia, NH	Phillip Wilcox	66	M	England
04/16	Hanover, NH	Henry Joseph Labrecque	61	M	NH
04/22	Franklin, NH	Cutter Russell Adams	65	M	NH
04/25	Boston, Mass.	John J. Egan	84	M	Canada
04/29	Laconia, NH	Wilbur George Allard	66	M	NH
06/08	Belmont, NH	Roberta Mae Phinney	68	F	Canada
06/21	Laconia, NH	Etta May Binnett	80	F	NH
07/05	Laconia, NH	Philip Aaron Russell	71	M	Maine
07/12	Belmont, NH	Lester Elbert Curtis	54	M	Maine
07/22	Belmont, NH	Fred P. Woodward	81	M	NH
07/31	Laconia, NH	Lucinda Jerd	89	F	Vermont
08/17	Laconia, NH	Max Shuman	87	M	Russia
08/26	Laconia, NH	Edmund L. Smith	69	M	NH
08/28	Belmont, NH	Frank W. York	95	M	Canada
09/05	Belmont, NH	Louis A. Heinis, Sr.	85	M	New Jersey
09/17	Belmont, NH	Lillian M. Morin	64	F	NH
09/27	Concord, NH	Marion Baillie	60	F	Mass.
10/19	Belmont, NH	Gardner E. Burns	61	M	Vermont
10/28	Belmont, NH	Carrie Mae Abbott	94	F	NH

10/29	Laconia, NH	George Maltais	70	M	NH
11/03	Laconia, NH	Everett A. Holt	72	M	NH
11/08	Laconia, NH	Benjamin J. Fields	63	M	Maine
12/07	Belmont, NH	Victor Noe Allard	82	M	Mass.
12/14	Laconia, NH	Byron Lovett Galloupe	84	M	Mass.
12/22	Laconia, NH	Ethel Pease Young	96	F.	NH
12/29	Laconia, NH	Robert Ernest Cummings	59	M	NH

I hereby certify that the above Vital Statistic report is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Calvin D. Brown
Town Clerk